

## Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 STATE 015406

61  
ORIGIN IO-14

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SS-20 EUR-25 AF-10 ARA-16 EA-11 NEA-11

RSC-01 FEA-02 AID-20 EB-11 COME-00 INT-08 TRSE-00

AEC-11 SCI-06 STR-08 OIC-04 CEA-02 CIEP-02 OMB-01

CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-07 H-03 INR-10 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-10

PA-04 PRS-01 SPC-03 USIA-15 EPA-04 CEQ-02 DOTE-00

/246 R

66617  
DRAFTED BY: IO:ROBLAKE  
APPROVED BY: T:WHDONALDSON  
T/IEP:AKATA  
S/S:KLUERS  
EUR:AHARTMAN  
C: HSONNENFELDT  
----- 069362

P 240059Z JAN 74  
FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO ALL DIPLOMATIC POSTS PRIORITY

CONFIDENTIAL STATE 015406

EO 11652: GDS  
TAGS: ENRG, UN, FR  
SUBJ: ENERGY: GUIDANCE ON FRENCH PROPOSAL FOR  
UN-SPONSORED CONFERENCE

1. ON JAN. 21 FRENCH PROPOSED TO SYG THAT WORLD ENERGY  
CONFERENCE BE CALLED UNDER UN AUSPICES. THE PROPOSAL HAS  
BEEN KEPT PURPOSEFULLY FLEXIBLE, AND FRENCH APPARENTLY ARE  
THINKING OF CONVOCATION OF CONFERENCE THROUGH ECOSOC. SYG  
ON JAN. 22 REQUESTED CURRENT ECOSOC PRESIDENT, WHO IS  
FINNISH PERM REP TO UN, TO CONSULT WITH ECOSOC MEMBERS RE  
FRENCH PROPOSAL, AND ACCORDINGLY USUN RECEIVING NUMEROUS  
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 STATE 015406

REQUESTS FOR OUR VIEWS.

2. FYI USG IS NOT HAPPY ABOUT FRENCH WORLD ENERGY CONFERENCE PROPOSAL. WE STRONGLY PREFER OUR STAGE-BY-STAGE PROPOSAL FOR DEALING WITH WORLD ENERGY PROBLEMS, STARTING WITH FEB 11 CONFERENCE OF PRINCIPAL CONSUMERS (75 PERCENT OF WORLD CONSUMPTION) AND MOVING FORWARD IN ORDERLY FASHION AS WE HAVE PROPSSED (STATE 4158). DESPITE SUPERFICIAL APPEAL OF CONFERENCE IN WHICH ALL CONSUMERS AS WELL AS PRODUCERS WOULD BE REPRESENTED, WE ARE CONVINCED THAT UN WORLD ENERGY CONFERENCE WOULD SERIOUSLY CONFUSE THE ISSUE BY INTRODUCTION OF EXTRANEous ISSUES, LDC BLOC VOTING, AND MISCHIEVous ACTIONS BY COMMUNISTS AND PERHAPS OTHERS. FURTHER, THERE ARE SIGNS THAT ARAB PRODUCERS WITH WHOM WE MAY LATER DEAL DO NOT FAVOR APPROACH THROUGH UN AT THIS TIME. END FYI.

3. THE FRENCH PROPOSAL FOR A WORLD ENERGY CONFERENCE MAY HAVE POTENTIAL ATTRACTION TO SOME LDCS. WHILE WE DO NOT COMPLETELY RULE OUT POSSIBLE UN INVOLVEMENT IN SOME ASPECTS OF THE ENERGY QUESTION IN THE FUTURE, ANY CALL FOR A UN SPONSORED MEETING NOW WOULD CONFUSE THE PRESENT SITUATION AND POSSIBLY HINDER EFFECTIVE ACTION AT THIS TIME. (WE UNDERSTAND THAT SEVERAL UN ORGANS ALREADY SCHEDULED TO DISCUSS ENERGY QUESTION -- ECAFE, ECLA, ECA, UNCTAD). WHILE WE DO NOT WISH TO APPEAR HOSTILE TO THESE MEETINGS, WE DO NOT SEE THAT MUCH WILL COME FROM THEM PENDING THE OUTCOME OF THE EFFORTS WE NOW FORESEE. WE RECOGNIZE THE ENERGY PROBLEM IS OF VITAL IMPORTANCE TO ALL CONSUMING COUNTRIES, ESPECIALLY THE LDC'S, AND WE ARE TAKINGINTO ACCOUNT THEIR VITAL INTERESTS IN FORMULATING OUR POSITIONS FOR THE "BUILDING BLOCK" APPRACH. THEREFORE, OUR BEST APPROACH WOULD BE: (A) WHILE NOT SUPPORTING THE CALLING NOW OF A UN WORLD ENERGY CONFERENCE, (B) LEAVE OPEN POSSIBILITY OF FUTURE UN INVOLVEMENT IN SOME ASPECTS OF ENERGY.

4. ACCORDINGLY, YOU SHOULD TAKE LINE, THAT (A) US BELIEVES MOST LOGICAL AND ORDERLY WAY TO PROCEED ON ENERGY CONSULTATIONS AT THIS STAGE IS TO HOLD FEB 11 MEEGING; (B) IN THIS CONTEXT YOU MAY FORMALLY INDICATE CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 STATE 015406

THAT VIEWS OF NON-PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES IN THE FEBRUARY AND SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS WILL BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT, AND THAT WE ARE WORKING ON THIS ASPECT; (C) RE DUTCH OR OTHER PROPOSALS FOR SPECIAL ECOSOC CONFERENCE, IN OUR VIEW RESULTS OF FEB 11 CONFERENCE AND SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS SHOULD BE AWAITED BEFORE DECIDING ON SPECIAL SESSION OF ECOSOC. KISSINGER

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptoning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 JAN 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** PETROLEUM, IMPORTS, EXPORTS, LESS DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, MEETINGS, FOREIGN POLICY POSITION  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 24 JAN 1974  
**Decaption Date:** 01 JAN 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Authority:** golinofr  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 28 MAY 2004  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1974STATE015406  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** IO:ROBLAKE  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** GS  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Film Number:** n/a  
**From:** STATE  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1974/newtext/t19740118/aaaaaqru.tel  
**Line Count:** 114  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE  
**Office:** ORIGIN IO  
**Original Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 3  
**Previous Channel Indicators:**  
**Previous Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** n/a  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Authority:** golinofr  
**Review Comment:** n/a  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 27 JUN 2002  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review History:** RELEASED <27 JUN 2002 by rowelle0>; APPROVED <27 DEC 2002 by golinofr>  
**Review Markings:**

Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
30 JUN 2005

**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Referrals:** n/a  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** ENERGY: GUIDANCE ON FRENCH PROPOSAL FOR UN-SPONSORED CONFERENCE  
**TAGS:** ENRG, OCON, FR, US, UN  
**To:** ALL POSTS  
**Type:** TE  
**Markings:** Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005